

March 27, 2008

Ms. Susan Haberstroh
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RE: 11 DE Reg. 1100 [Proposed Tobacco Policy Regulation]

Dear Ms. Haberstroh:

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Education's (DOE) proposal to amend its standards covering school district and charter school tobacco policies published as 11 DE Reg. 1100 in the March 1, 2008 issue of the Register of Regulations. The current standards require public schools to establish tobacco policies which incorporate certain minimum requirements (e.g. prohibition on use and advertising). Tobacco use is a source of disability (e.g. cancer; COPD) which merits deterrence. The amendment (§4.0) would simply require public schools to submit an electronic version of their policies to the DOE and prospectively forward any revisions to the DOE.

SCPD endorses the proposed regulations since it would both facilitate regulatory compliance and compilation of all public school policies by the DOE.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our position or observations on the proposed regulation.

Sincerely,

Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson
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